



CODE OF CONDUCT

13+ Youth Group

Be Free Young Carers is committed to a safe and caring environment for young carers. This code of conduct outlines the expectations for all those involved in our youth group and how to stay safe online.

Be Respectful

- Be kind to other young carers when joining in discussions or making comments on the page. Any behavior or comments which are profane, insulting, harassing, sexist, racist, abusive, disrespectful or otherwise offensive will not be tolerated. Swearing or inappropriate language will not be tolerated and will result in exclusion from the group. This includes being respectful of the privacy of other young carers by not looking through personal pages on social media.

Stay Safe

- I will follow the advice on the Stay Safe Online poster. **Never** reveal any personal information on the youth group page e.g. phone number or address.
- I will always let my parent know I am going to a hangout and bring a signed consent form.
- Always report any disrespectful or offensive behavior to a staff member who will deal with it appropriately.

Sharing Information

Be Free Young Carers wants all our young carers to feel safe and comfortable enough to be able to share any worries or troubles they may have so that we can work towards addressing them. However, please consider the following to make sure you stay safe:

- What you share with us is confidential, **however**, if you share information that we feel is putting yourself or someone else at risk, we will have to pass that information on to the appropriate person. If we are able to discuss this with you then we will do so at the first possible opportunity. However, if we are unable to contact you, we will make the decision about who we need to share the information with.
- All messages that our support workers receive are kept on file as stated in our Social Media Policy. **Support Workers are only active on Facebook during work hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9am-5pm) and will only respond to messages during that time.**

MY COMMITMENT

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

I agree to follow the leadership of staff involved.

I accept that not following the Code of Conduct will affect everyone's experience, including my own and that my behaviour may affect my future participation in the group.

Young Carer Signature	SIGN HERE
Date	

YOUR PREFERENCES

How would you like to join in with Be Free Young Carers? I would like to (please tick):

Join the BFYC13+ Facebook group

Join the BFYC13+ email list using this email address:

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Join neither (this will mean that you only receive the newsletter and will not be notified about hangouts or trips).

YOUR CONSENT

Please ensure that both parent and young carer agree to and understand the following:

My son/daughter has permission to join the Be Free 13+ Youth Group on Facebook using their own Facebook profile.

I give permission for my son/daughter to interact with other group members and talk to the support workers in the group.

I give consent for my son/daughter to join the in-person hangouts and that I understand it is my responsibility as their parent/guardian to get them to and from the hangout safely.

I give my permission for Be Free Support Workers to contact my son/daughter on their personal mobile number for emergency matters regarding the youth group such as confirmation of attendance or location change.

I am aware that if my son/daughter messages a support worker, the message will stay on record and it will only be read by BFYC staff during working hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9am-5pm)

I understand that all messages to BFYC staff are confidential, but if anything is discussed that causes severe concern, support workers will notify the appropriate person or agency, in order to ensure the young carer's safety.

Parent/Guardian Consent

By signing below I understand and agree to the consents and conditions set out above and consent to my son/daughter attending the Be Free Young Carers 13+ youth group.

1	Parent/Guardian to sign	SIGN HERE
	Print name	
	Date	

Young Carer Consent

By signing below I understand and agree to the consents and conditions set out above and agree to abide by the 13+ youth group Code of Conduct.

2	Young Carer to sign	SIGN HERE
	Date	
	Print name	
	Young Carer's Mobile Number	

Young Carer Data Protection

I am the young carer named above and understand that in case of an emergency I give my consent for my contact telephone number to be held by Be Free YC staff during Youth Group hangouts. Be Free Young Carers will not share this information with anyone else, unless absolutely necessary e.g. in a medical emergency.